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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A rubber composition for inner liners which comprises at least one rubber selected from diene-based synthetic rubbers and natural rubber having a glass transition temperature of -55°C or lower and an organized lamellar clay mineral.
2. (original): A rubber composition for inner liners according to Claim 1, wherein the diene-based synthetic rubber is styrene-butadiene copolymer rubber.
3. (currently amended): A rubber composition for inner liners according to ~~any one of Claims 1 and 2~~Claim 1, wherein the lamellar clay mineral is swelling mica.
4. (currently amended): A rubber composition for inner liners according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~Claim 1, wherein the organized lamellar clay mineral is a lamellar clay mineral organized with a dimethyldialkylammonium ion in which the alkyl group has 15 to 20 carbon atoms.
5. (currently amended): A rubber composition for inner liners according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~Claim 1, wherein the rubber composition has a brittle point at a low temperature of -40°C or lower.
6. (currently amended): An inner liner comprising a rubber composition described in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~Claim 1.

7. (original): A tire in which the rubber composition described in Claim 6 is used as an inner liner.
8. (new): A rubber composition for inner liners according to Claim 2, wherein the lamellar clay mineral is swelling mica.